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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Vincent L. CHIANG et al.

Title: PRODUCTION OF SYRINGYL LIGNIN IN GYMNOSEPERMS

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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This Statement of Substance of Interview is fully responsive to the Interview Summary dated March 20, 2008, in accordance to 37 C.F.R. § 1.133. An Amendment and Reply was filed on March 12, 2008. This statement is being submitted within one (1) month of the mailing date of the Interview Summary and is therefore a timely response.

In the telephone interview held on February 19, 2008, with Examiner Baum, Applicants' representative discussed the support for the claimed invention provided in the specification, and specifically directed the Examiner's attention to Example 5, showing that the claimed sequence, SEQ ID NO: 10, contains promoter regions. In view of the disclosure, an agreement with respect to the claims was reached, and Examiner Baum stated that the application would be allowed if claim 29 would be canceled and claim 27 would be amended to recite an isolated

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promoter comprising SEQ ID NO: 10. The Amendment filed on March 12, 2008, incorporates the changes requested by the Examiner during the telephone interview. A notice of allowance is therefore earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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